

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A meat product or a processed meat product coated with a film of curdlan gel.

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2. (Original) The meat product or a processed meat product according to claim 1, wherein the meat product or the processed meat product is any one of sausage and ham.

10 3. (Original) A method for producing a meat product or a processed meat product coated with a film of curdlan gel, comprising the steps of:

applying an alkaline aqueous solution of curdlan to a meat product or a processed meat product; and

15 exposing the meat product or the processed meat product to an aqueous solution of any one of an alkali metal salt and an alkaline earth metal salt to form a film of curdlan gel.

20 4. (Original) A method for producing a meat product or a processed meat product coated with a film of curdlan gel, comprising the steps of:

applying an alkaline aqueous solution of curdlan to a meat product or a processed meat product; and

25 exposing the meat product or the processed meat product to an acid for neutralization to form a film of curdlan gel.

5. (Original) A method for producing a meat product or a processed meat product coated with a film of curdlan gel, comprising the steps of:

30 applying an alkaline aqueous solution of curdlan to a meat product or a processed meat product;

exposing the meat product or the processed meat product to an aqueous solution of any one of an alkali metal salt and an alkaline earth metal salt; and

35 exposing the meat product or the processed meat product to an acid for neutralization to form a film of curdlan gel.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 5~~ claim 3, further comprising the step of heat-treating the meat

product or the processed meat product.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 3~~
~~to 6~~ claim 3, wherein the meat product or the processed meat product
5 is any one of sausage and ham.

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